Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented)   A method for use with a server serving requested records among a multiplicity of records, and with a predetermined list of record identifiers, and with a first file containing information about records corresponding to the record identifiers, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting at least two of the record identifiers from the list;

for each one record identifier of the record identifiers:

by means of a stored program, presenting a request to the server with respect to the record identifier;

receiving a record from the server, said record corresponding to the record identifier;

parsing the record by means of a stored program, thereby deriving received information from the record indicative of available images;

by means of a stored program, comparing the derived information with corresponding information in the first file; and

in response to any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file, obtaining the newly available image or images.

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2. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein there are two or more newly available images, further comprising the step of combining the images into a single multipage image file.

3. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 further comprising the step, performed after the parsing step, of replacing the information in the first file with the received information of interest.

4. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of creating or updating an extensible markup language file containing the information in the first file.

5. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of creating or updating a hypertext markup language file containing the information in the first file.

6. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of annunciating any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file wherein the annunciating step further comprises sending email to a recipient.

7. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 6 wherein the annunciating step further comprises emailing the newly available image or images to the recipient.

8. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 2 wherein the further comprising an annunciating step further comprises comprising emailing the single multipage image file to a recipient.

9. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the server is a hypertext transfer protocol server, and the presenting and receiving steps are performed according to a hypertext transfer protocol.

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10. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of serving records in the hypertext markup language file on a hypertext transfer protocol server.

11. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the presenting and receiving steps are performed by means of a cryptographically secure communications link with the server.

12. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 11 wherein the server is a hypertext transfer protocol server, and the presenting and receiving steps are performed according to a hypertext transfer protocol.

13. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the record identifiers are patent application serial numbers.

14. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the record identifiers are trademark application serial numbers.

15. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of requesting from the server all record identifiers matching a predetermined criterion, and adding any new record identifiers to the first file.

16. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of annunciating any new record identifiers.

17. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 16 wherein the annunciating of new record identifiers comprises sending an email message.

18. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 15 wherein the predetermined criterion comprises matching a customer number.

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19. (Previously Presented)   A system for use with a server serving requested records among a multiplicity of records, the system comprising:

a predetermined list of record identifiers;

a first file containing information about records corresponding to the record identifiers;

first means for selecting at least two of the record identifiers from the list;

second means with respect to each one record identifier of the record identifiers for:

presenting a request to the server with respect to the record identifier;

receiving a record from the server, said record corresponding to the record identifier;

parsing the record, thereby deriving received information from the record indicative of available images;

comparing the derived information with corresponding information in the first file; and

in response to any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file, obtaining the newly available image or images.

20. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 19 wherein the second means further performs the step, performed after the parsing step, of replacing the information in the first file with the received information of interest.

21. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 20 wherein the second means further performs

the step of creating or updating an extensible markup language file containing the information in the first file.

22. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 20 wherein the second means further performs the step of creating or updating a hypertext markup language file containing the information in the first file.

23. (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 19 wherein the second means further performs a step of annunciating any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file wherein the annunciating further comprises sending email to a recipient.

24. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 19 wherein the server is a hypertext transfer protocol server, and the presenting and receiving are performed according to a hypertext transfer protocol.

25. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 22 further comprising a hypertext transfer protocol server serving records in the hypertext markup language file.

26. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 19 further comprising cryptographic means establishing a cryptographically secure communications link with the server.

27. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 19 wherein there is further provided a third means responsive to there being two or more newly available images, for combining the images into a single multipage image file.

28. (Previously Presented)   A method for use with a server serving requested records among a multiplicity of records, and with a predetermined list of record identifiers, and with a first file containing information about records corresponding to the record identifiers, the method

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comprising the steps of:

selecting at least two of the record identifiers from the list;

for each one record identifier of the record identifiers:

by means of a stored program, presenting a request to the server with respect to the record identifier;

receiving a record from the server, said record corresponding to the record identifier;

by means of a stored program, parsing the record, thereby deriving received information of interest from the record;

by means of a stored program, comparing the received information of interest with corresponding information in the first file; and

by means of a stored program annunciating any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 further comprising the step, performed after the parsing step, of replacing the information in the first file with the received information of interest.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 further comprising the step of creating or updating an extensible markup language file containing the information in the first file.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 further comprising the step of creating or updating a hypertext markup language file containing the information in the first file.

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32. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 28 wherein the annunciating step further comprises sending an email to a recipient.

33. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 28 wherein the server is a hypertext transfer protocol server, and the presenting and receiving steps are performed according to a hypertext transfer protocol.

34. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 31 further comprising the step of serving records in the hypertext markup language file on a hypertext transfer protocol server.

35. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 28 wherein the presenting and receiving steps are performed by means of a cryptographically secure communications link with the server.

36. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 35 wherein the server is a hypertext transfer protocol server, and the presenting and receiving steps are performed according to a hypertext transfer protocol.

37. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 28 wherein the record identifiers are patent application serial numbers.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the record identifiers are trademark application serial numbers.

39. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 28 wherein the record identifiers are package tracking numbers.

40. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 28 further comprising the steps of requesting from the server all record identifiers matching a predetermined criterion, and adding any new record identifiers to the first file.

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41. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 40 further comprising the step of annunciating any new record identifiers.

42. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 41 wherein the annunciating of new record identifiers comprises sending an email message.

43. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 40 wherein the predetermined criterion comprises matching a customer number.

44. (Currently Amended)   A method for use with a server serving requested records among a multiplicity of records, and with a predetermined list of record identifiers, and with a first file containing information about records corresponding to the record identifiers, the method comprising the steps of:

   selecting at least two of the record identifiers from the list;

   for each one record identifier of the record identifiers:

      by means of a stored program, presenting a request to the server with respect to the record identifier;

      receiving a record from the server, said record corresponding to the record identifier;

      parsing the record by means of a stored program, thereby deriving received information from the record indicative of available images;

      by means of a stored program, comparing the derived information with corresponding information in the first file; and

      in response to any difference between the received information of interest and the

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corresponding information in the first file, identifying a uniform resource locator for each of the ~~the~~ newly available image or images.

45. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 44 further comprising the step, performed after the parsing step, of replacing the information in the first file with the received information of interest.

46. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 45 further comprising the step of creating or updating an extensible markup language file containing the information in the first file and embedding the uniform resource locator in the extensible markup language file.

47. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 45 further comprising the step of creating or updating a hypertext markup language file containing the information in the first file and embedding the uniform resource locator in the hypertext markup language file.

48. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 45 <u>further comprising the step of annunciating any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file</u> wherein the annunciating step further comprises sending <u>an</u> email to a recipient containing the uniform resource locator.

49. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 44 wherein the server is a hypertext transfer protocol server, and the presenting and receiving steps are performed according to a hypertext transfer protocol.

50. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 47 further comprising the step of serving records in the hypertext markup language file on a hypertext transfer protocol server.

51. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 44 wherein the presenting and receiving steps are performed by means of a cryptographically secure communications link with the server.

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52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51 wherein the server is a hypertext transfer protocol server, and the presenting and receiving steps are performed according to a hypertext transfer protocol.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44 wherein the record identifiers are patent application serial numbers.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44 wherein the record identifiers are trademark application serial numbers.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 further comprising the steps of requesting from the server all record identifiers matching a predetermined criterion, and adding any new record identifiers to the first file.

56. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 55 44 further comprising the step of annunciating any new record identifiers.

57. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 56 44 wherein the annunciating of new record identifiers comprises sending an email message.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55 wherein the predetermined criterion comprises matching a customer number.

59. (Currently Amended) A system for use with a server serving requested records among a multiplicity of records, the system comprising:

   a predetermined list of record identifiers;

   a first file containing information about records corresponding to the record identifiers;

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first means for selecting at least two of the record identifiers from the list;

second means with respect to each one record identifier of the record identifiers for:

presenting a request to the server with respect to the record identifier;

receiving a record from the server, said record corresponding to the record identifier;

parsing the record, thereby deriving received information from the record indicative of available images;

comparing the derived information with corresponding information in the first file; and

in response to any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file, identifying a uniform resource locator for each of the the newly available image or images.

60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59 wherein the second means further performs the step, performed after the parsing step, of replacing the information in the first file with the received information of interest.

61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 60 wherein the second means further performs the step of creating or updating an extensible markup language file containing the information in the first file and embedding the uniform resource locator for each of the newly available image or images.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 60 wherein the second means further performs the step of creating or updating a hypertext markup language file containing the information in

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the first file and embedding the uniform resource locator for each of the newly available image or images.

63. (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 59 <u>wherein the second means further performs a step of annunciating any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file and</u> wherein the annunciating further comprises sending email to a recipient including the uniform resource locator.

64. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 59 wherein the server is a hypertext transfer protocol server, and the presenting and receiving are performed according to a hypertext transfer protocol.

65. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 62 further comprising a hypertext transfer protocol server serving records in the hypertext markup language file.

66. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 59 further comprising cryptographic means establishing a cryptographically secure communications link with the server.

67. (Previously Presented)   A method for use with a server serving requested records among a multiplicity of records, and with a predetermined list of record identifiers, and with a first file containing information about records corresponding to the record identifiers, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting at least two of the record identifiers from the list;

for each one record identifier of the record identifiers:

by means of a stored program, presenting a request to the server with respect to the record identifier;

receiving a record from the server, said record corresponding to the record

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identifier;

by means of a stored program, parsing the record, thereby deriving received information of interest from the record;

by means of a stored program, comparing the received information of interest with corresponding information in the first file; and

by means of a stored program annunciating any difference between the received information of interest and the corresponding information in the first file.

68. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the record identifiers are package tracking numbers.

69. (New) The method of claim 44 wherein the record identifiers are package tracking numbers.

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